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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A die plate 14 to be used in a foil stamping machine 10. The die plate 14 includes a plate steel back 20 to which there is secured an image layer 21. The image layer 21 is secured to the plate steel back 20 by means of a compressible adhesive 22. Preferably, the adhesive 22 is an acrylic polymer. The image layer 21 is formed of metal such as brass, steel, copper, zinc, aluminium aluminum, magnesium or photo-polymer.